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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis DANGUE RÉWAKA (Gabon)

1. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 23 June 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its nineteenth special session consisting of the following Member States: China, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Netherlands, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 25 June 1997.

3. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka (Gabon) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 24 June 1997, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the nineteenth special session. The Legal Counsel made a statement relating to the memorandum in which he, inter alia, updated it by indicating the credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the nineteenth special session, in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 63 Member States: Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Eritrea, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia

(Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay and Uzbekistan.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of Member States to the session had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 78 Member States: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Nepal, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, the following 42 Member States participating in the nineteenth special session had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General information regarding their representatives to the session, but had previously empowered their permanent representatives to represent their respective States in all organs of the United Nations without limitation as to session: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Canada, Chad, Czech Republic, Dominica, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mongolia, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zambia.

8. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Secretary-General's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. He proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 24 June 1997,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.